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Title: Colorado Sprawl Action Center's Growth Management Toolkit

Kramer

Colorado Sprawl Action Center

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Website

[#http://www.sprawlaction.org/toolkit#](http://www.sprawlaction.org/toolkit#)

Description:

Describes eleven tools used to guide and manage growth: comprehensive planning, impact fees, open space protection and funding, affordable housing, urban growth boundaries and contiguity, designing livable communities, incentives, intergovernmental agreements and regional planning, rural lands protection, public service concurrency, transportation planning. Each tool is described in terms of problem, solution, application and internet resources.

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Description:

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Title: Smart Infill: Creating More Livable Communities in the Bay Area

Steinbach

Greenbelt Alliance

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Title: Ten Steps to a Living Downtown

Moulton

The Brookings Institution

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[#http://www.brookings.edu/metro/moultonexsum.htm#](http://www.brookings.edu/metro/moultonexsum.htm#)

Description:

For decades after the American industrial revolution, the "downtown" of any city was the simple manifestation of a bounded social and commercial structure. Living downtown was efficient, functional, and desirable. Families, the elderly, young couples, rich and poor alike all lived in or near the center to be near where they worked and where the goods and services they needed for living were provided. But with the rise of suburbanization, America's downtowns have evolved into employment and entertainment centers, at best. This paper examines the opportunity that cities currently have to bring residents back to their downtowns and identifies ten steps that can be taken to create successful residential life in America's central business districts.

Tool or Topic: **New Planned Communities**

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Title: Columbia, Irvine and The Woodlands: Planning Lessons from Three
U.S. New Towns of the 1960s and 1970s

Forsyth

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

4/1/2001

PDF file

[#http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=117#](http://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=117#)

Description:

This paper examines three new communities developed since the 1960s and planned as a response to early criticisms of urban sprawl: Columbia, Irvine, and The Woodlands. They were pioneers of a number of techniques now considered to be part of the smart growth repertoire. They also represent a best case scenario for private sector development—they had big land areas, rich developers, cutting edge professionals, and visions that were held on to. Drawing on a range of data sources—interviews, archival records, census data, and site observations—this paper shows that while they are not perfect, they are very good examples of what planners would probably all call best practices in smart growth. However problems with automobile dependence and affordability indicate areas where US planners may have to make some tougher choices about land use planning and design.

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Fulton

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

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[#http://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=865#](http://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/pub-detail.asp?id=865#)

Description:

Since the early 1980s, a group of planners, architects and developers have been rebelling against “conventional” suburban development as practiced in the United States since the end of World War II. Once mostly theoretical, the New Urbanism movement is beginning to yield tangible results, as communities based on New Urbanist principles are being built all over the country. But, can these “designer” communities successfully compete in the complex financial and socio-economic marketplace of the 1990s, and can they truly solve the problems of auto-oriented sprawl as the proponents claim?

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